

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Louis Hicks, September 5, 1907

September 5, 1907. Mr. Louis Hicks, Counsellor at Law, 71 Nassau Street, Corner John Street, New York, N. Y., U. S. A. Dear Sir:—

Your note of August 28 has been forwarded to me here. I am sorry that I have no means of ascertaining at this distance from Washington, whether I have a complete copy of the paper you refer to, as having been read before the Fortnightly Club, in May 1888; but models made at a much earlier date still exist illustrating the disc-form of record, and the process of multiplying the records by means of Electro-types and pressure.

Your note is the first intimation I have received that others are claiming as their own and patenting the inventions referred to. I shall therefore communicate at once with Mr. Charles James Bell, President of the American Security and Trust Company, Washington, D. C., who is prominently identified with the company owning the inventions, and who represents my interests in the matter.

Allow me to thank you for calling my attention to the subject. In regard to the suggested deposition, it might be well for you to communicate directly with Mr. Charles J. Bell. I do not know your object in desiring this, nor what interests you represent, and I would therefore take no action in the matter without consulting him.

Yours sincerely,